

Docket No.: 95-512

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
ACHARYA :  
Serial No.: 09/905,067 : Group Art Unit: 2419  
Filed: July 16, 2001 : Examiner: WILSON, Robert W.  
For: ARRANGEMENT FOR SWITCHING INFINIBAND PACKETS USING  
SWITCHING TAG AT START OF PACKET

**RESPONSE UNDER RULE 116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the final Official Action mailed March 30, 2009, please enter the following Remarks.

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-15 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-2, 7-8, and 10-12 stand rejected under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,499,061 to Benayoun et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,643,269 to Fan. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Each of the independent claims 1, 7, and 10 specify, a network manager selecting a tag size, as a prescribed number of bits, of an address field of a network to be used for switching data packets traversing the network, based on a number of the detected network nodes, and configuring by the network manager each network switch of the network to switch each of the data packets based on a corresponding switching tag, added to a start of

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